GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DIESEL LOCOS IN SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAYS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway authority have introduced diesel locos in South East Railway after phasing out the steam locos;

(b) whether the Railway authority have converted the steam loco shed into diesel loco shed with a huge capital investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the present rolling stock of Kharagpur diesel shed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In view of lower maintenance and operating costs, superior load haulability and greater operational flexibility, Steam locos has been replaced by Diesel locos on Indian Railways. An investment of Rs. 8.68 crores was made in constructing Diesel shed at Kharagpur, which started functioning from 1988.

(d): Kharagpur Diesel shed homes 114 Diesel locos.